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1. STRIKING PHYSICIANS MET WITH THE MINISTER OF HEALTH, DR. ABRAHAM SAIED, AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOP, LAST NIGHT. THIS WAS THE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN THE STRIKERS AND THE GOP SINCE THE STRIKE BEGAN LAST THURSDAY. THE RESULT OF THE MEETING WAS A DEADLOCK, WITH THE GOP WANTING THE STRIKERS TO RETURN TO WORK WHILE NEGOTIATIONS TOOK PLACE, AND THE STRIKERS WANTING TO REMAIN ON STRIKE UNTIL AN AGREEMENT COULD BE MET.

2. TODAY'S PAPERS CONTINUE TO CARRY STATEMENTS BY VARIOUS GROUPS, CONDEMNING THE STRIKE. THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH EDUCATORS (ANES) STATED THAT THE STRIKE WAS A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND CONTRARY TO THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH. THE PANAMANIAN STUDENT FEDERATION (FEP) ALSO ISSUED A STATEMENT, WHICH WAS DIRECTED AT THE ALLEGED POLITICAL MOTIVES BEHIND THE STRIKE. FEP CONCEDED THAT SOME OF THOSE ON STRIKE WERE MOTIVATED BY
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ECONOMICS, BUT CLAIMED THAT THE DRIVING FORCES BEHIND THE STRIKE ARE THOSE GROUPS OPPOSED TO THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT, WHO SEE THE STRIKE AS A WAY TO DISRUPT THE COMING ELECTIONS. JORDEN

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